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Legislator Cilmi issues statement on arrest of 18 year old East Islip drug dealer

I commend our law enforcement team on the arrest of eighteen year old East Islip resident, Danny Orlando. My office, with the help of many concerned residents in the community, have for years been passing to law enforcement information relative to Mr. Orlando's drug dealing. By all accounts, Mr. Orlando has been a major source for local addicts. Hopefully he will serve sufficient jail time to pay for the destruction he has dealt and hopefully that time will help put this young man on a better path.

While today we take solace in knowing that another dealer of death is at least temporarily off the streets, we should not declare victory. We know all too well that there will be others to take his place. That Mr. Orlando was caught allegedly shooting heroin into the veins of a fifteen year old girl should serve as a grim reminder of how pervasive the heroin problem is in Suffolk County and beyond. No community has been spared.

My message to parents is to always know...and I mean REALLY KNOW...where your children are, who they are with and what they are doing. And for heaven sakes, stop believing that drinking alcohol or smoking weed is some kind of rite of passage for our children. No one ever woke up one morning and decided to shoot heroin. It all starts somewhere and most of the time it's with alcohol and marijuana.

For a guide to substance abuse information and services, visit my website at www.tomcilmi.net